



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education is celebrating twenty-two years of recognition and celebration of excellent student art; and

WHEREAS, the arts enrich our lives, help build self-esteem in our children, gives them an alternate means of expression, and offers both parents and the community an opportunity to be involved in the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is unique in its rich ethnic diversity and the visual and performing arts help provide understanding of the cultural heritage of the immigrants who come to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Philip Thomas, Vice President of Arts Education for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, has achieved recognition in the arts for his work and talent;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby commend and congratulate

PHILIP THOMAS

as an award recipient for the 2002 Governor's Awards in Arts Education and extend best wishes for the future.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-ninth day of May in the year of Our Lord two thousand two and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

REGENA L. THOMAS,
SECRETARY OF STATE